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U.S. Ambassador Calls for Dialogue and a Halt to Violence in Jonglei State

During the month of March, the U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of South Sudan, Susan D. Page, travelled to Bor, Pibor, Akobo and Uror counties in Jonglei State to meet with government officials and community leaders, as well as people affected by the violence, to see and learn firsthand the impact of the violence on communities in the area. In her meetings and public statements, Amb. Page urged all parties to engage in dialogue and work to resolve their conflicts peacefully. The U.S. Embassy applauds the perseverance of communities across the state in the face of continued conflict and hardship. However, the U.S. Embassy remains deeply concerned about continued violence against civilians perpetrated by David Yau Yau's insurgency, elements of the Sudan People's Liberation Army, and youth groups engaged in inter-tribal hostilities. We call on all parties to seek peaceful resolutions to their grievances and, in all circumstances, to protect and ensure the safety of civilians. The U.S. Embassy also calls on all officials and communities throughout Jonglei State to end incendiary rhetoric against other tribal groups and, instead, encourage dialogue between parties to the conflicts.

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